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SUBJ: NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOGS

SUMMARY.

THE U.S. MILITARY HAS 39 NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOGS CURRENTLY IN THAILAND. UNDER CURRENT PLANS THE DOGS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. WHEN U.S. COMBAT FORCES HAVE LEFT THAILAND. THESE DOGS ARE ACCLIMATIZED TO THAILAND AND WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAI ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT URGENTLY RAISE WITH DOD THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MISSION PURCHASING 15 OF THESE DOGS FOR TRANSFER TO THE THAI NATIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE TNPd DOG SUBDIVISION TO ENCOURAGE GREATER USE OF NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOGS. WE ARE PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE USE OF DOGS AT DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHERE WE BELIEVE THE DOGS COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN LOCATING DRUGS IN OUTBOUND LUGGAGE AND CARGO. AFTER WALTER FRANZ OF U.S. CUSTOMS COMPLETES HIS TEN WEEKS TRAINING COURSE IN THAILAND, THE TNPd WILL HAVE SIX NARCOTICS DOGS. WE ESTIMATE,

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HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL REQUIRE TEN DOGS TO MAINTAIN A FULL

TIME INSPECTION PROGRAM AT THE AIRPORT. ADDITIAONAL DOGS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COVER OTHER IMPORTANT TARGETS SUCH AS THE PORT AREA AND THE POST OFFICE.

2. THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS AT THIS TIME 39 TRAINED NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOGS IN THAILAND. THESE DOGS ARE ALREADY ACCLIMATIZED AND HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY CAN PERFORM UNDER LOCAL CONDITIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT BY TURNING OVER TO THE THAI 15 OF THESE DOGS, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE SITUATION AT THE AIRPORT. AFTER THE SIX NOW IN TRAINING HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE, THE THAI WOULD HAVE 21 DOGS AVAILABLE FOR NARCOTICS WORK. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD BASE UPON WHICH THE THAI COULD BUILD IN THE FUTURE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TNPD COULD HANDLE THIS NUMBER OF DOGS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. ACCORDING TO MACTHAI THE USAF DOGS ARE VALUED AT \$305 EACH. IF DOD AGREES TO TURN OVER THE DOGS, THE MISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO USE FY 75 FUNDS ALREADY OBLIGATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NARCOTICS DOGS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED --THAT DEPARTMENT DETERMINE URGENTLY, SINCE MANY OF THESE DOGS ARE DUE TO LEAVE THAILAND WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, IF DOD WOULD BE WILLING TO LEAVE 15 OF THEIR HEROIN DETECTION DOGS IN THAILAND FOR TURNOVER TO THE THAI NATIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. WE ATTACH A VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS REQUEST.

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